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1. CHARGE, ECONCOUNSELOR AND ECONOFF PELID INTRODUCTORY CALL ON MAIRAJ HUSSAIN, NEW CHAIRMAN PAKISTAN NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD(PNCB) JUNE 4. CHARGE NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF ABRUPT CHANGE IN LEADERSHIP OF PNCB, EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVES WISHED TO MAKE HIS ACQUAINTANCE PROMPTLY TO DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE OF US-GOP NARCOTICS COOPERATION. HUSSAIN SAID EMBASSY COULD BE ASSURED HE WOULD BE AS KEEN ABOUT NARCOTICS CONTROL AS HIS PREDECESSOR, DESPITE POSSIBLE DIFFERENCES IN PERSONALITY AND OPERATIONAL STYLE. QUESTIONED ABOUT LIKELIHOOD OF MAJOR CHANGES IN PNCB STAFFING, PARTICULARLY AT PNCB REGIONAL OFFICE IN PESHAWAR, HUSSAIN SAID HE DID NOT ANTICIPATE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES, BUT NOTED NWFP WAS A SENSITIVE AREA POLITICALLY AND NARCOTICS CONTROL THERE REQUIRED SENSITIVE HANDLING.

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2. CHARGE SAID CONSIDERABLE IMPETUS HAD BEEN BUILT UP IN NARCOTICS FIELD IN 1973 BUT PACE HAS SLOWED IN 1974 WITH

LITTLE MOVEMENT ON ISSUES LIKE NEW LAW, SWABI TEHSIL SURVEY, SERIAL SURVEY MAPS, AND BUDGETING FOR FIUS. HUSSAIN EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE PROBLEM OF BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR FIUS, WHICH HE HAD BEEN LOOKING INTO, WOULD SOON BE SORTED OUT. HE APPEARED UNINFORMED ABOUT OTHER ISSUES. HE COMMENTED THAT TASK OF NARCOTICS CONTROL COULD NOT BE CARRIED OUT BY ONE MAN OR AGENCY, BUT REQUIRED ACTIVE COOPERATION OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. ON PRODUCTION SIDE, HE INQUIRED ABOUT MAY 5 NEW YORK TIMES STORY THAT THE USG WAS CULTIVATING A SMALL AMOUNT OF POPPY. CHARGE, DRAWING ON STATE 094471, STATED USG HAD NO INTENTION OF ENTERING INTO POPPY PRODUCTION FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION AND FULLY INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO MEET ITS NEEDS THROUGH IMPORTS.

3. BIOGRAPHIC DATA. PER REQUEST REF B, HUSSAIN WAS BORN IN 1923 AND MIGRATED FROM INDIA AFTER PARTITION. JOINING POLICE SERVICE OF PAKISTAN, HE ROSE TO RANK OF DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF POLICE ABOUT 1965. FROM 1966 TO 1970 HE WAS DEPUTY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF HOME AND KASHMIR AFFAIRS, AND 1971-73 DEPUTY SECRETARCY (ARMY) MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS HE HAS BEEN OFFICER ON SPECIAL DUTY (JOINT SECRETARY RANK), ESTABLISHMENT DIVISION. DURING INITIAL CALL HUSSAIN STRUCK US AS MODEST AND UNDYNAMIC. HE DID NOT EVINCE ANY ENTHUSIASM FOR HIS NEW JOB.
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